

Remarks

Reconsideration of the present application is hereby requested.

Claims 1 to 37 were pending in this application.

Claims 1 to 14 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

Claim 37 is allowed.

Claims 18 to 28 and 30 to 36 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 depends from independent or base claim 15. Claim 15 has therefore been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 18 and, as such, should be considered allowable, as well as, claims 16, 17 and 29, which depend from claim 15.

Claim 18 has been canceled and claims 19 and 20 have been amended to now depend from claim 15.

Claims 1 to 17 and 19 to 37 are currently pending in this application.

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in granting the telephone interview of July 19, 2006, during which the present Amendment was discussed.

In regard to the rejection of claims 15 to 17 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,097 to Newton *et al.*, Applicant submits that this ground for rejection should be withdrawn in view of the amendment to claim 15.

Early reconsideration of the subject patent application in view of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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